

# The Future of Exploration and Technology Innovation

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# NASA Around the Country



# The National Aeronautics and Space Administration



**Human Exploration  
and Operations**



**Space  
Technology**



**Science**



**Aeronautics Research**

***Manufacturing and materials are critical to all NASA Mission Areas.***



# NASA Space Technology Portfolio

## Transformative & Crosscutting Technology Breakthroughs

Technology  
Demonstration  
Missions



Small  
Spacecraft  
Technology  
Program



Game Changing  
Development



## Pioneering Concepts/Developing Innovation Community

NASA Innovative  
Advanced  
Concepts (NIAC)



Space Technology  
Research



Center Innovation  
Fund



## Creating Markets & Growing Innovation Economy

Centennial  
Challenges



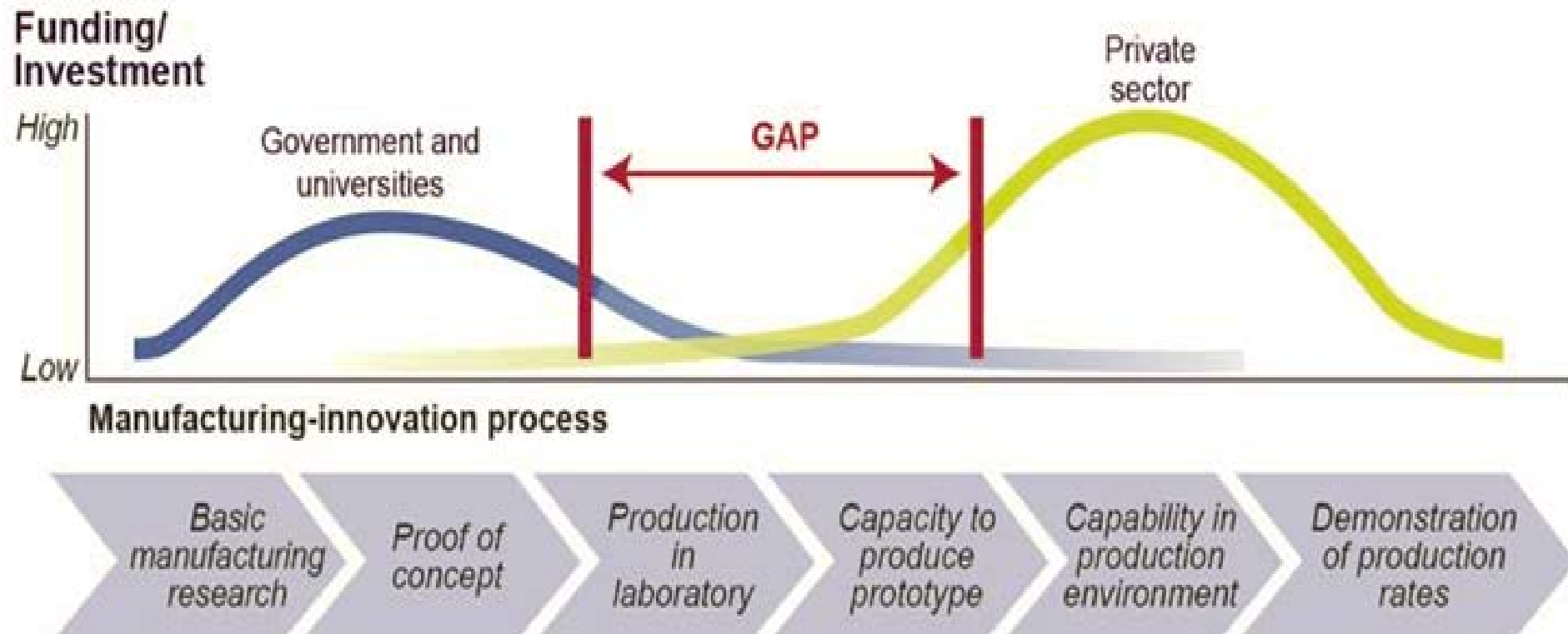
Flight  
Opportunities



Small Business  
Innovation  
Research (SBIR)  
and Small  
Business  
Technology  
Transfer (STTR)



# Filling the Gap from Low TRL to Production





**Traveling To and  
Through Space**



**Living and Working  
in Space**



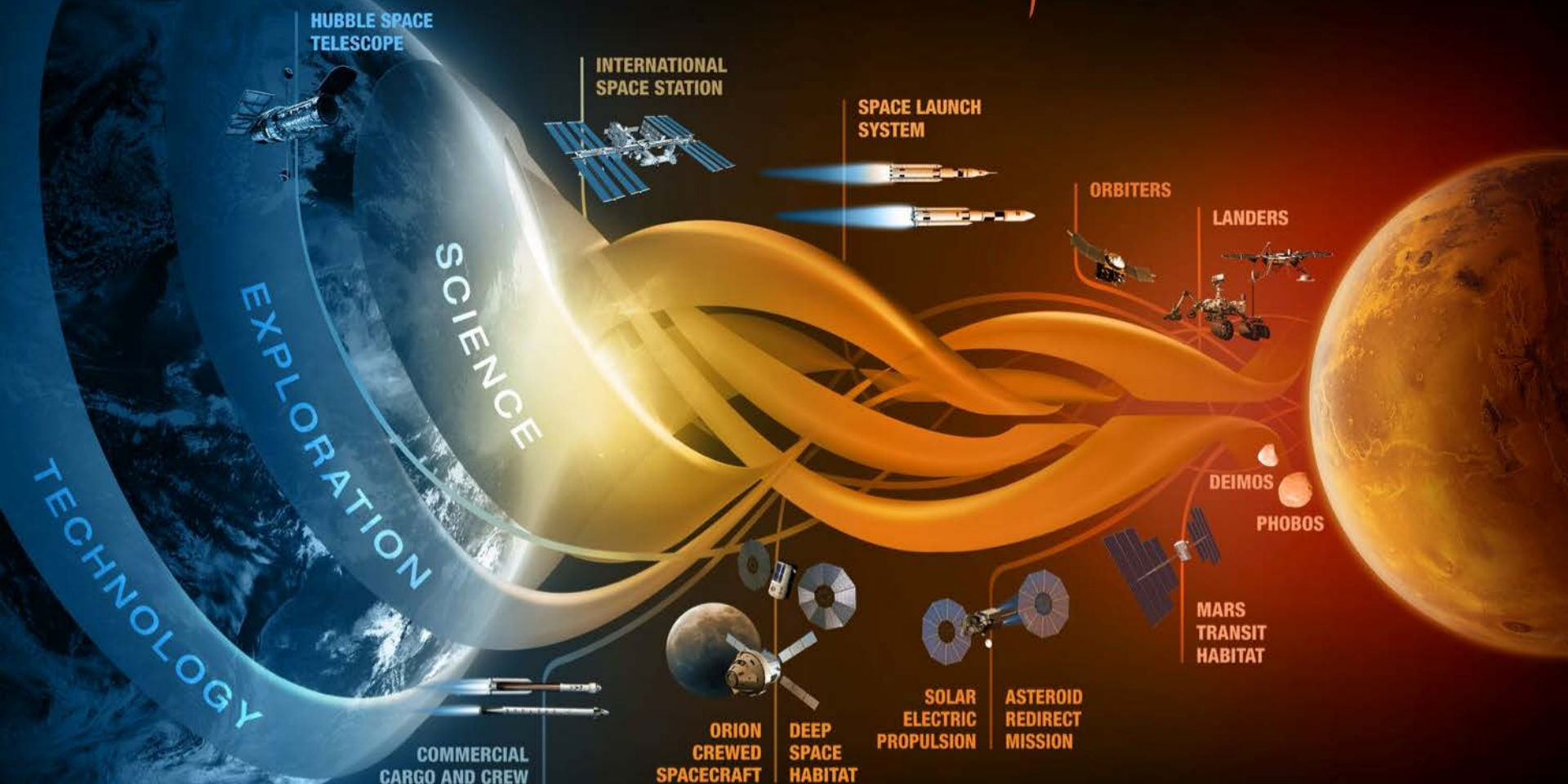
**Understanding Our  
World and Beyond**



**Marshall's Mission Areas**



# JOURNEY TO MARS



MISSIONS: 6-12 MONTHS  
RETURN: HOURS

**EARTH RELIANT**

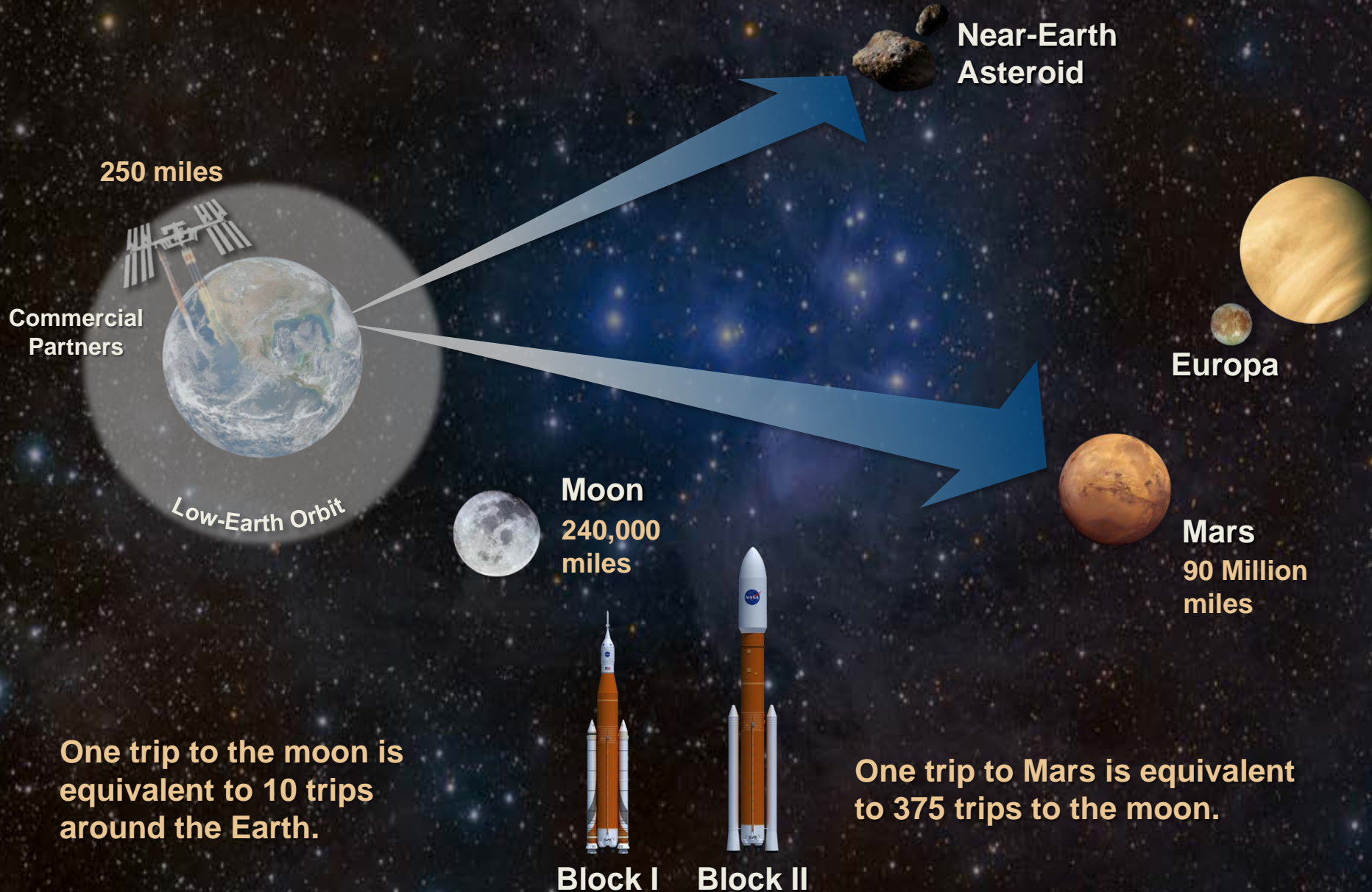
MISSIONS: 1 TO 12 MONTHS  
RETURN: DAYS

**PROVING GROUND**

MISSIONS: 2 TO 3 YEARS  
RETURN: MONTHS

**EARTH INDEPENDENT**

# Traveling to Beyond Earth Orbit

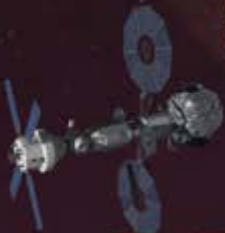




# Technology Path to Pioneering Space



Asteroid  
Retrieval  
Mission



Hypersonic  
Inflatable  
Aerodynamic  
Decelerator



Optical  
Communications



GO

LAND

LIVE

Solar  
Electric  
Propulsion



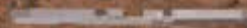
Low-Density  
Supersonic  
Decelerator



Environmental  
Control &  
Life  
Support  
System



Surface Power



Next  
Generation  
Spacesuit



Robotics &  
Autonomy



In-Situ  
Resource  
Utilization



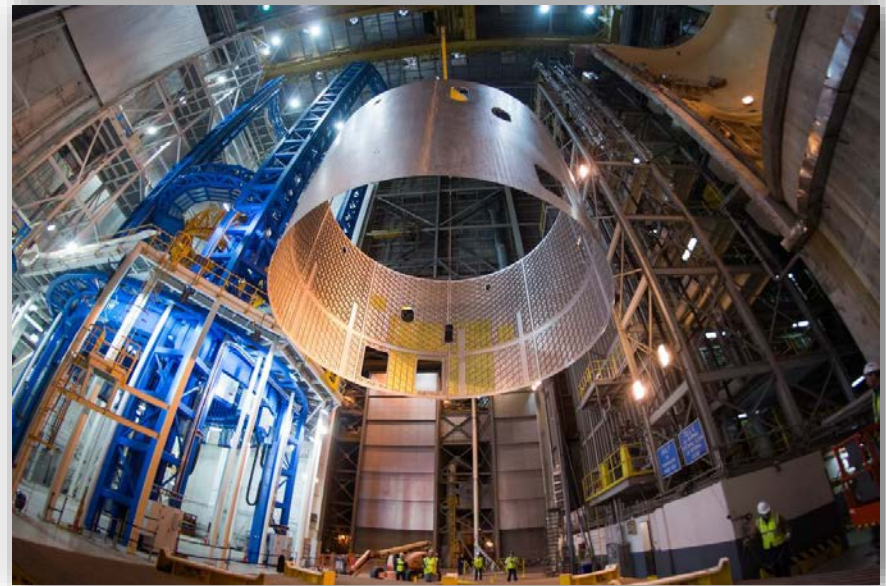
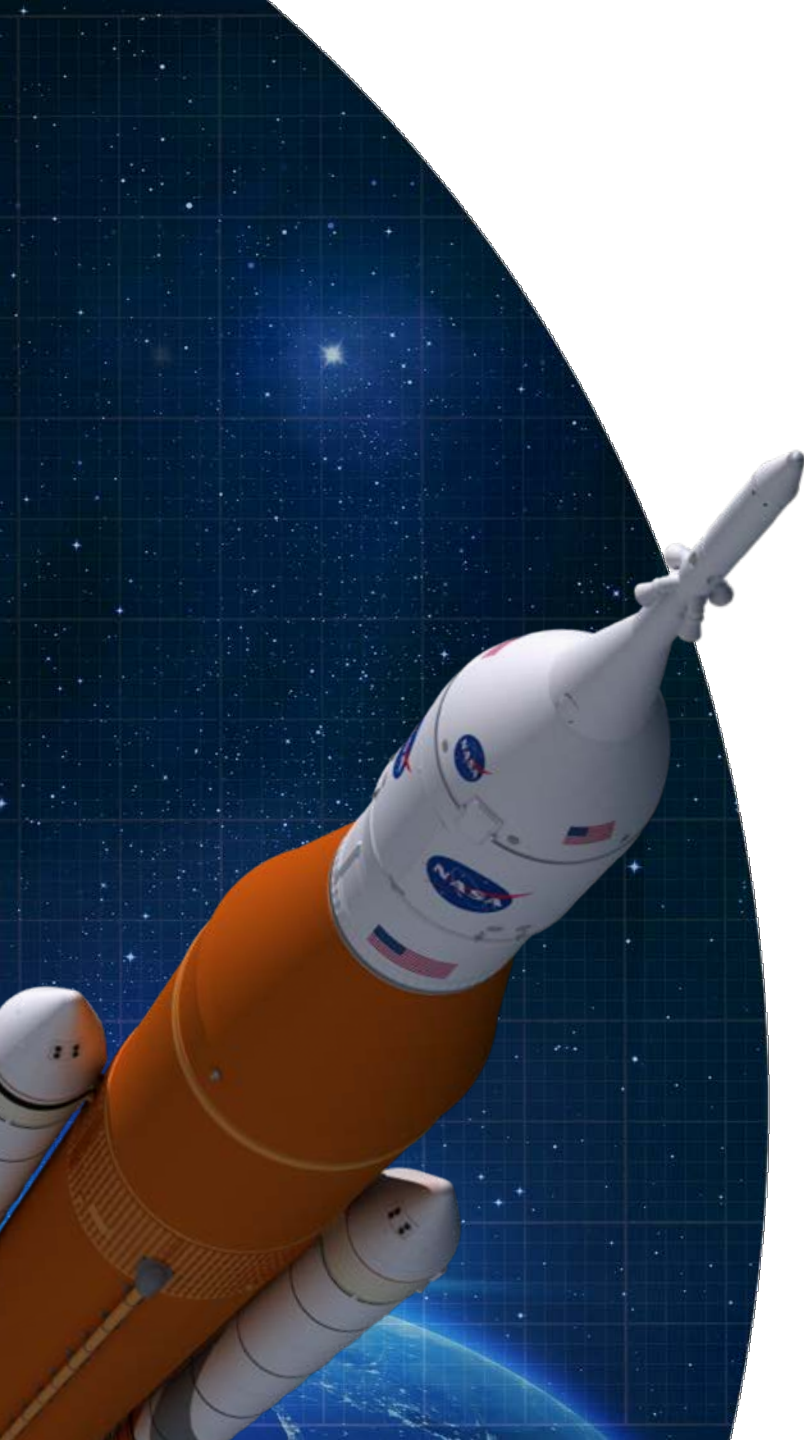
# Space Launch System

The **only** vehicle  
capable of sending  
humans to deep  
space **and** the large  
systems necessary  
for human exploration



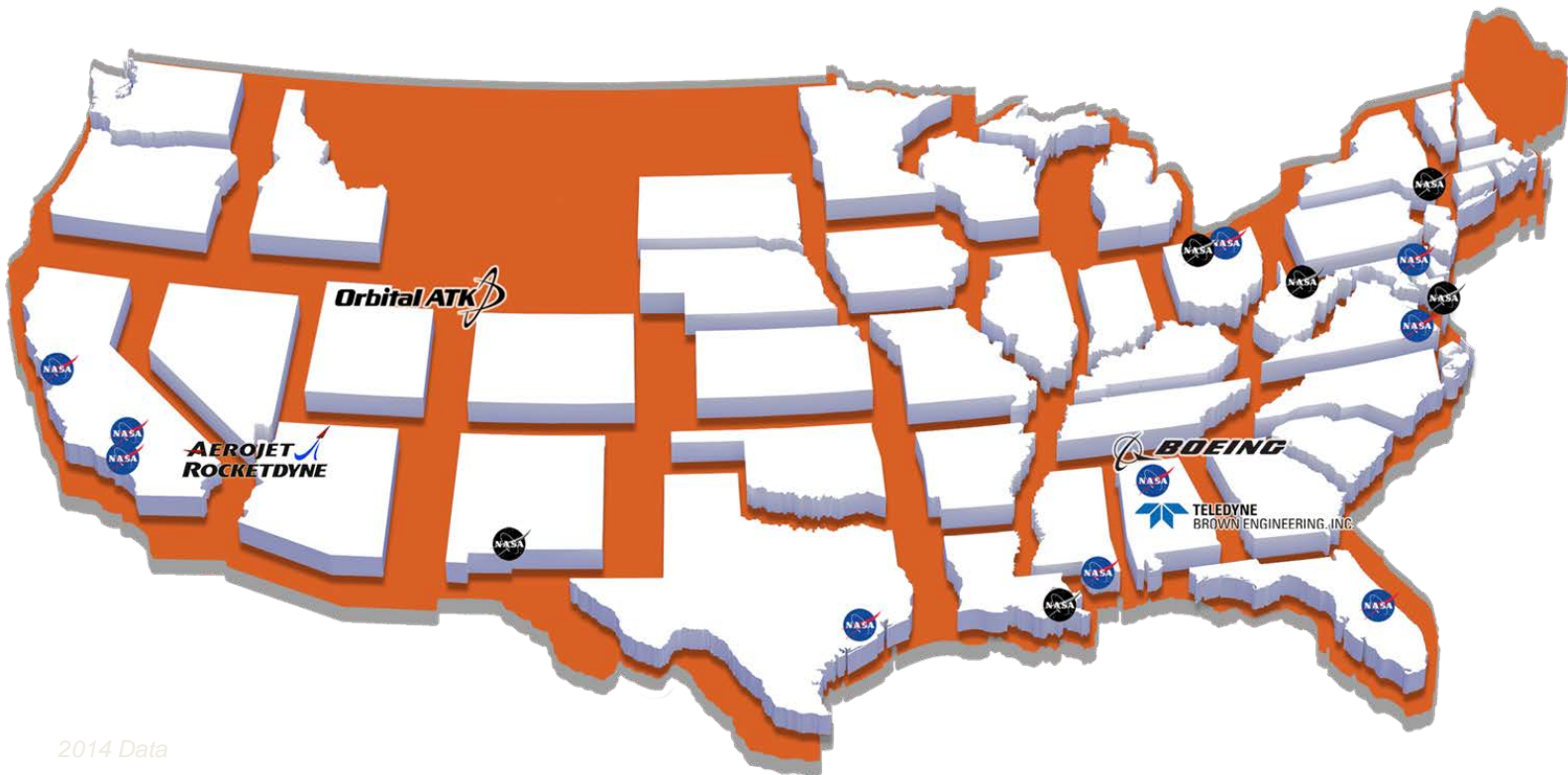


# SLS: Becoming a Reality

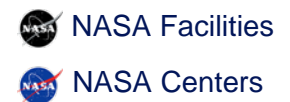




# SLS Nationwide Team



- Engaging the U.S. Aerospace Industry
- Strengthening Sectors such as Manufacturing
- Advancing Technology and Innovation for Deep-Space Exploration



*Working with more than 800 companies in 43 states*

# **Precision Meets Progress in Welding on SLS Liquid Oxygen Tank**





## ◆ Approximate Part Counts

Thrust Structure

Main Oxidizer Valve

◆ 1 vs. 6

Injector

◆ 6 vs. 255

Fuel Turbo Pump

◆ 22 vs. 40

Main  
Combustion  
Chamber

Main Fuel Valve  
(Hidden)

◆ 1 vs. 5

Mixer (Hidden)

◆ 2 vs. 8

Oxidizer Turbine  
Bypass Valve

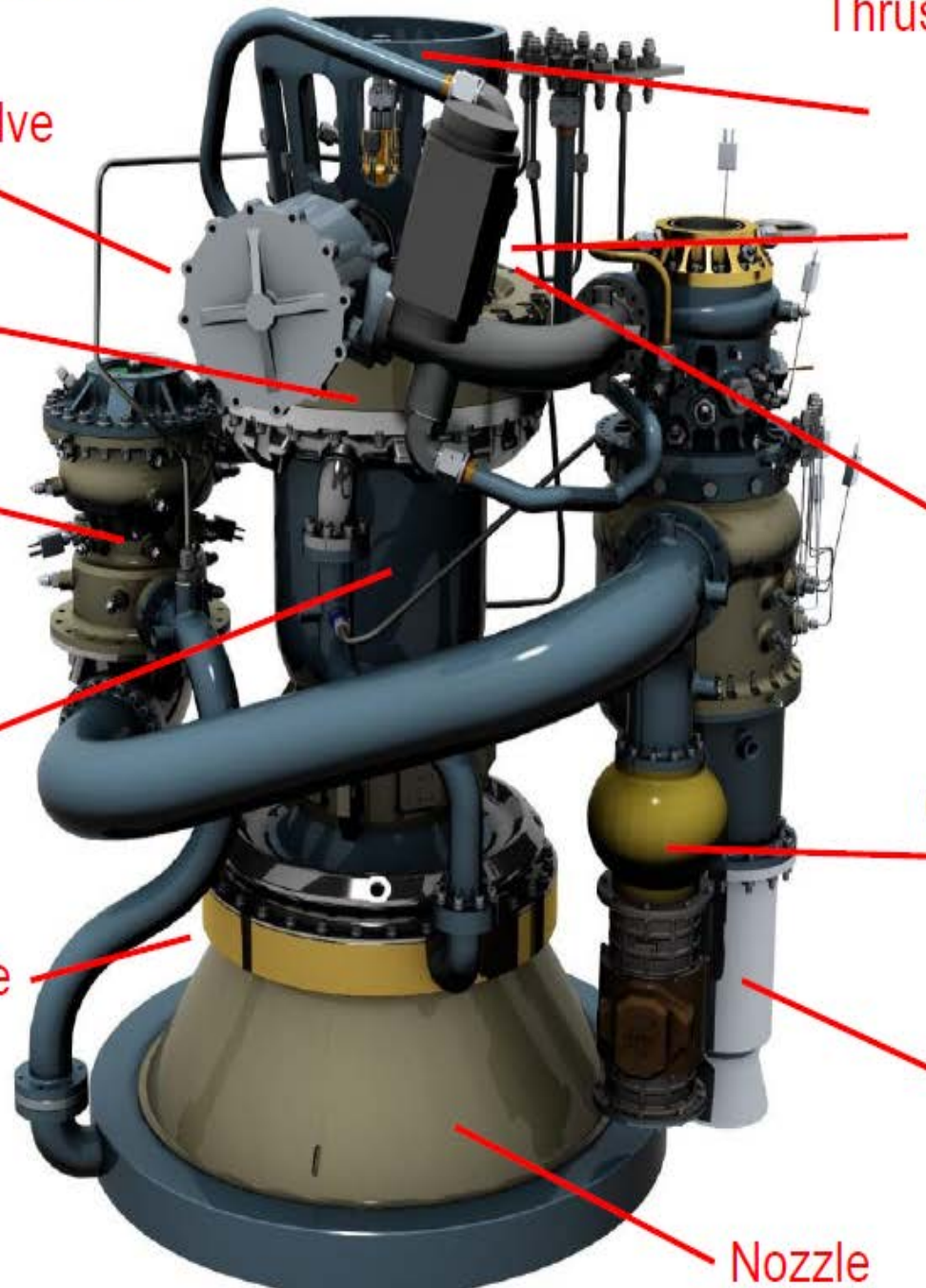
◆ 1 vs. 5

Turbine  
Discharge  
Duct

Nozzle

Chamber Coolant Valve  
(Hidden)

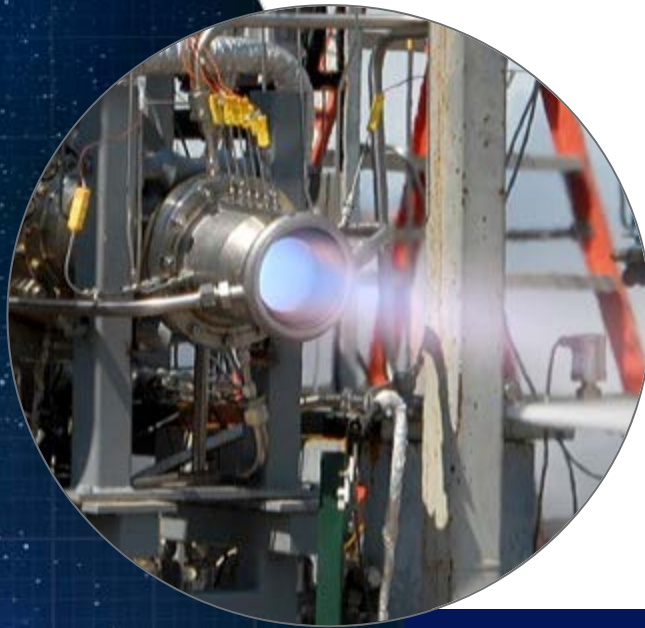
◆ 1 vs. 5



Note: Part counts examples are for major piece parts and do not include bolts, nuts, washers, etc

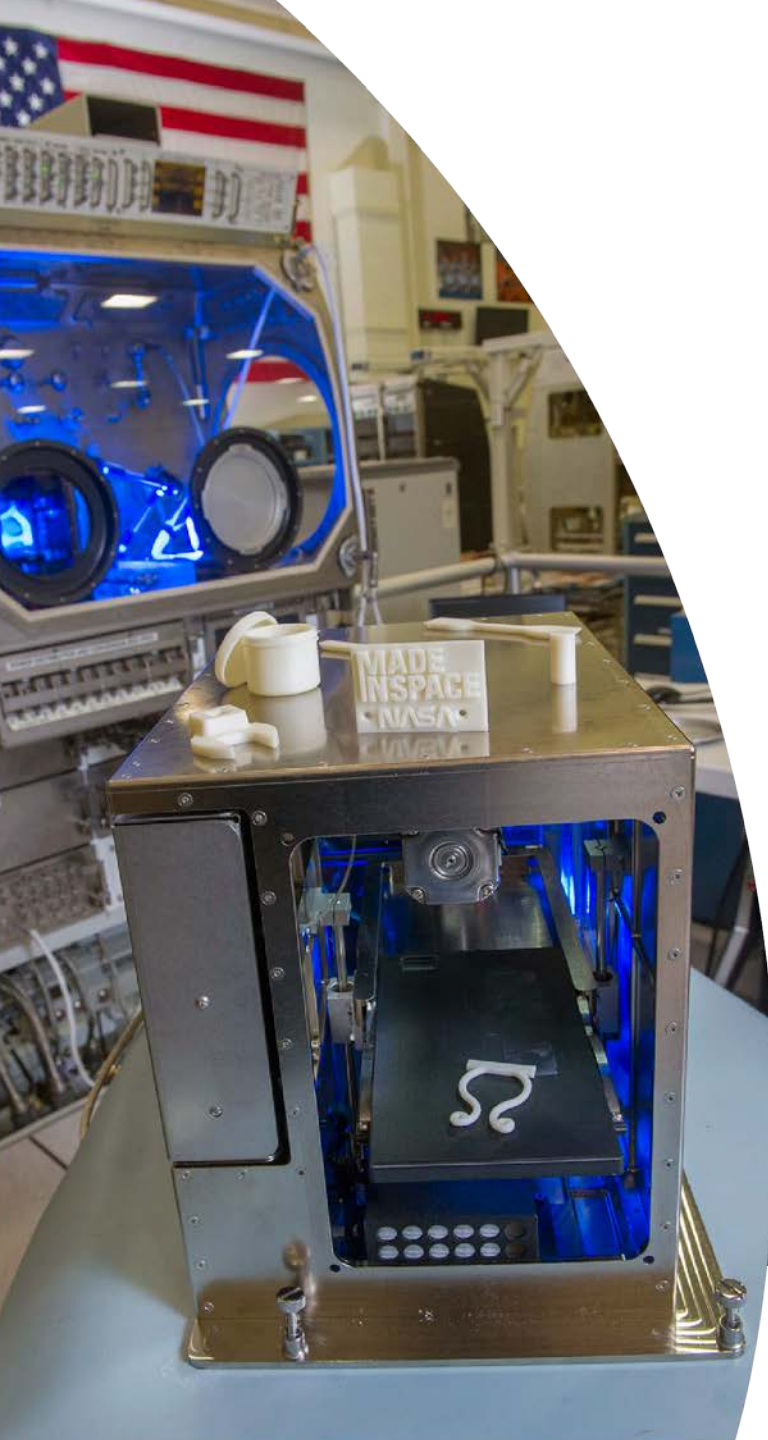


# Common Propulsion for In-Space Transit



Methane Architecture

# First 3D Printer in Space



ISM Task 1

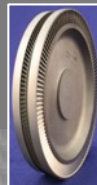


# Advanced Manufacturing at Marshall

## Advanced Weld Facility



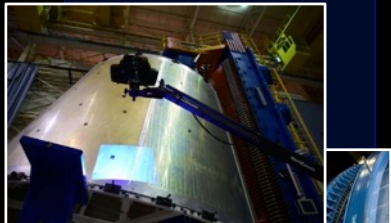
## Additive Manufacturing – AM LOX Turbopump



## Advanced Composite Structures



## Additive Construction with Mobile Emplacement



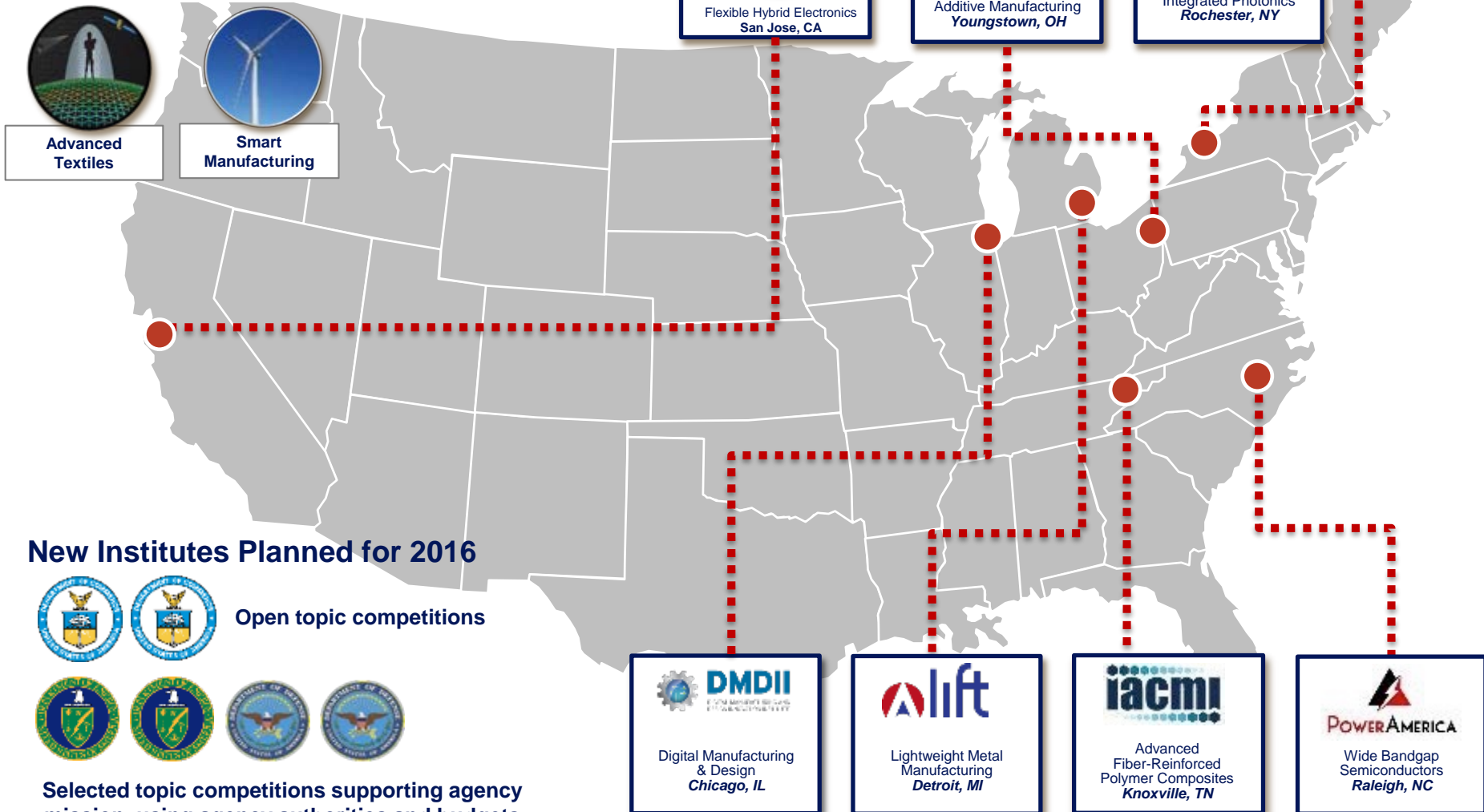


# Building the Network

## Network Status and FY16 Plans

**Future Network Goal: 45 Regional Hubs**

### Forthcoming Awards



### New Institutes Planned for 2016



Open topic competitions



Selected topic competitions supporting agency mission, using agency authorities and budgets



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begins with...

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